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1. Toward 10 a.m. on 12 April 1952, the Soviet minesweepers [redacted] were sighted off Dievenow (54°02'N/14°06'E), steering eastward in line ahead and going about 12 knots. 25X1

2. Toward 11 a.m. on 13 April, a formation of Soviet minesweepers was met about four nautical miles southwest of the Gledser lightship. The group consisted of the vessels [redacted] While [redacted] kept a little outside, the other vessels executed formation exercises on northwesterly and southeasterly courses. The boats towed sweeps including a thick cable. * 25X1

3. On 20 April, the Soviet minesweepers [redacted] were seen in Sassnitz Harbor. They [redacted] side by side with their stems pointing toward the pier. They carried a light gun of about 37 mm caliber on the foredeck, and a similar gun aft of the funnel. They were still in Sassnitz harbor on 30 April. 25X1

Comment. On 27 October 1949, the [redacted] was observed 7 nautical miles off Lepava (Riga). The [redacted] have been observed in the southern Baltic since the summer of 1951. These vessels are probably stationed in Swinemunde. 25X1

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